

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 24, 2019



If you are a first-time guest or returning visitor to our church family, please allow us to extend a special welcome to you. We offer an invitation for you to join us in the Parish Hall after worship for coffee, tea, cookies, and a chance to learn more about Old First.

Please take this opportunity to be greeted by our members and be introduced to our Pastor, Matthew Means. Thank you for visiting us today and welcome to our family of faith!

Get Connected to Old First!



With so many exciting opportunities for us to gather together in worship, fellowship, and service; now more than ever, it is very important to “stay connected” to and with Old First!

We share information about our ministries by phone, email, and through our website and Facebook page. If you are not connected, then you just may miss out!

If you are currently not receiving any of these forms of communication from Old First, please contact the church office **TODAY** and provide us with your information! We cannot wait to get ... and **stay** ... connected with you!!!



Sunday night Middle & High School Youth Group Continues TONIGHT from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Our Sunday evening Youth Group is the perfect time and place for ALL 6th-12th grade students to gather together and share the faith journey at Old First!

In a world that demands a lot from our young adults, what better than an evening devoted to faith, fun, friendships, and fellowship with your church family?

Attention All Current 5th - 8th Grade Students:

Please be in conversation with your families about the Great Escape in Johnstown, PA, from July 27th to August 1st. Deposit money is due January 12th!

Kids & Youth Choir Rehearsals Continue Wednesday, December 4th!

If you are in 1st - 8th grade, this is the perfect Place for you to be on Wednesday nights!

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. — Kids Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1-3)
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. — Youth Choir Rehearsal (Grades 4-8)

Please note that there will be no Kids or Youth Choir rehearsals on November 27th due to Thanksgiving!

Enjoy time with family and friends! See you in December!



Today Is Christ the King Sunday!

In the church's liturgical year, “**Christ the King Sunday**” marks the end of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, moving us to the threshold of Advent, the season of preparing for the coming of the Christ.

Today we proclaim the crucified and risen Christ as Lord and King ... Alpha and Omega ... beginning and end ... ruler of all. We worship around the joyful truth that all things began and will one day be fulfilled in Jesus, as Christ the King triumphs over the powers of sin and evil. Amen!

Mission Donations for Advent Worship:

Each Sunday throughout the Advent season, we will be collecting items in support of future mission ministries at Old First. You are invited to bring in **non-perishable food items** for local food pantries and items to stock **blessing bags for those experiencing homelessness** (full details to follow!).



Breaking News: Advent Study Returns December 1st!



Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 1st** as we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent and the kick-off of our annual Advent Study! Join us in the Fiske Room as we share four weeks together with **Ed Robb and Rob Renfroe's, “The Wonder of Christmas.”**

Join Us For Our Annual PW Christmas Luncheon!

The PW Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, December 4th**, beginning at **11:30 a.m.** This special event features a delicious meal, warm fellowship, fantastic entertainment, and so much more! The event is **\$20 per person** and reservations are required by contacting **Marge Sammis at (631) 871-9410** as soon as possible!



“Service of Comfort and Hope” Returns!



Is the Christmas season a time you remember friends, family, and loved ones who are no longer with us? A powerful way to honor them is to bring our grief and memories before God.

You are invited to join us for a very special “**Service of Comfort and Hope**” on **Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm** as we remember those no longer with us and share the hope, peace, and love of God together.

Meet the Challenge: Invite a Friend!!!

The primary way people find their way into a new church family is through an invite from friends, family, or loved ones! As the Christmas season rapidly approaches, why not answer the call by inviting someone to join you?!?!?



Just think how a simple invitation may allow God to radically change the lives of people you care for and love!

The Clothesline Thrift Store Needs Volunteers!



The Thrift Store needs **YOU** to offer your time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please call the Thrift Store during regular hours or contact Susan Worledge directly for more information!

This is a vital mission ministry for Old First and we look forward to the joy of serving our community alongside you!

Sermon Notes for
Sunday, November 24, 2019

“Life in the Kingdom of God”

Key Scriptures:

“When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.”

Romans 8:15b-17a

“God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

Ephesians 1:22-23

When it comes to life in the kingdom of this world, what things do you see or experience that make you feel either hopeless or hopeful?

When you consider the vision set by Jesus Christ for life in the kingdom of God, how does this compare and contrast to our present reality?

Moment of truth ... on this “Christ the King Sunday” ... who is Jesus Christ in your life today? Is he your King? In what tangible ways?

WEEKLY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, November 24th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Worship - Christ the King Sunday
Baptism of Mason Keith Machtel**

10:20 - 11:00 a.m. Church School
Preschool - 3rd Grade (Room 102)
4th - 8th Grade (Upstairs)

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Middle and High
School Youth Group (Youth Room)**

6:15 - 8:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

Monday, November 25th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics (Room 102)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 11)

Tuesday, November 26th

10:00 a.m. “Last Tuesdays” (Fiske Room)

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Store (Lower Level - Room 11)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

Wednesday, November 27th

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Gentle Bends (Room 102)

**No Kids or Youth Choir Rehearsals
Happy Thanksgiving Break!**

7:00 - 9:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 132 (Gym)

Thursday, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving!

Enjoy Time with Friends and Family!

Church Office Closed / No Outside Activities

Friday, November 29th

Happy Thanksgiving!

Enjoy Time with Friends and Family!

Church Office Closed / No Outside Activities

Sunday, December 1st

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Worship
First Sunday in Advent and Communion**

11:30 a.m. Advent Study (Fiske Room)

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Middle and High
School Youth Group (Youth Room)**

6:15 - 8:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Lower Level - Room 10)